

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 5 and 6 and no new matter has been added. Support for the amendment may be found in: paragraph 11 (last 4 lines); paragraph 16 ("..any of said plurality of identifiers being suitable for routing"); paragraph 19 and paragraph 28. Accordingly, claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Arguments

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's considered response to the Applicant's previous arguments. The Applicant would like to clear up a couple of minor points: Rosenberg is cited as teaching step d) "said second identifier, etc." (page 3, fourth para.). On page 7, lines 1-2 of the instant Office Action, the Applicant may not have been clear enough when the Applicant stated that "Dalgic does not teach or suggest selection of a second identifier with a format that comprises a user-name portion containing a first identifier." The Applicant was not stating that the Examiner had made that assertion. The Applicant was arguing that Rosenberg did not provide for the second identifier and that Dalgic lacked the same limitation.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter AAPA) in view of Rosenberg, et al. (hereinafter Rosenberg) (US 2005/0207361 A1). The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5 and 6 to more clearly define the Applicant's invention. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

As noted in paragraph [0007] of the Applicant's application a problem to be solved by the present invention is one of an identifier that is not suitable for routing or identification purposes. It would be advantageous to select a destination terminal that may not be the same as the one received in the service request.

In that regard, the Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to selected limitations of amended claim 1:

“...at least one identifier among said plurality of identifiers stored in step a) has a format that comprises a user-name portion and a domain-name portion, wherein the user-name portion contains said first identifier; and

in step d) said second identifier is selected having a format comprising a user-name portion and a domain-name portion, wherein said user-name portion contains said first identifier.” (Emphasis added)

The emphasized limitation states that the second identifier is selected because the user-name portion contains the first identifier. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Rosenberg passage (para. [0041] – [0042]) cited by the Examiner does not disclose the above emphasized limitation.

Rosenberg, in the cited passage, discusses the advantages of SIP regarding addresses and the acceptable format of the addresses, which is pretty unrestricted (para. [0038]). Though the Examiner indicates the importance of Rosenberg and cites paragraph [0041] as teaching a format of a second identifier, the Examiner fails to address the action portion of the limitation, the “second identifier is selected” having a particular format according to a specific requirement.

More precisely, the emphasized limitation solves a problem when the second identifier has to be selected from among a plurality of identifiers where some (or all) of them can be equally usable for a further routing (see amendment). Claim 1 comprises the step of selecting, among the plurality of obtained identifiers, one identifier having a certain characteristic: the first identifier must be contained in the user-name portion of the selected (second) identifier. Then, and only then, the second identifier is selected and used for a further routing.

The Applicant respectfully asserts that neither Rosenberg nor the AAPA suggest or teach, individually or in combination, the limitations of selecting a second identifier that has a format that comprises the user-name portion of the first identifier from among the collection of identifiers. This being the case, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claim 1 and analogous independent claims 5 and 6.

Claims 2-4 and 7-8 depend from amended claims 1 and 6 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 1 and 6. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2-4 and 7-8 is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter AAPA) in view of Rosenberg, et al. (hereinafter Rosenberg) (US 2005/0207361 A1) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dalgic et al ("True number portability and advanced call screening in a SIP-based IP telephony system." (hereinafter Dalgic)).

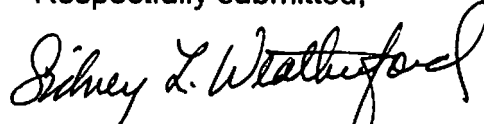
The Dalgic reference discloses an experimental system for using a PDA and a SIP-etherphone for forwarding a call to the SIP-etherphone where the owner of the PDA was registered most recently. Dalgic does not teach or suggest selection of a second identifier with a format that comprises a user-name portion containing a first identifier. Since claims 4 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 6 respectively and contain the limitations of these independent claims and neither AAPA nor Rosenberg teach or suggest these limitations, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 4 and 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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